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Safeguarding storm water protects citizens, wildlife

Troy Brandon is the Stormwater Construction Inspector for the City of Lawton's Stormwater Management Division, which coordinates the City's Stormwater and Floodplain Management programs ensuring compliance with FEMA, EPA and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

Brandon spends a majority of his work day outside, which he loves. He enjoys being outdoors and appreciates the opportunities his job allows him to be outdoors, protecting the community's rivers and creeks, along with its citizens and wildlife.

"I believe it's (Stormwater Management Division) important to the city just for that particular reason," he said. "We don't want to accidentally run pollution into the creeks that would eventually get to the lakes and we could have fish kills and bad smells and algae and things of that nature."

His primary job is to inspect job sites and Earth Change Permits, which are a federal requirement for any ground of an acre or more that is disturbed so that sediments and pollution do not enter any water systems.

Brandon said there are multiple ways citizens can do their part to protect the community's creeks, rivers and lakes from pollution.

"If they could control a little bit of the oil in their driveways and cleaning it up a little bit before rain washes it in the creeks," he said. "Or even grass clippings. Grass clippings can wash down and cause algae, which can reduce oxygen and result in fish kills."

For more information about the City of Lawton's Stormwater Management Division, click here.